

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 remain pending in the present application. Independent claims 1 and 10 recite limitations not disclosed by, nor made obvious in view of, the prior art.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite “combining the encrypted content with the second key to form a combined encrypted content”. A next step stores the “combined encrypted content on the single storage media.” Neither of these limitations is anticipated by, nor made obvious in view of, the prior art.

Cane stores its key and data in two separate storage devices. Thus, not only is “combined encrypted content” not formed in Cane, but there is no storing of the data and associated key in a “single storage media.” Cane’s data is stored in “tape volume 36” while Cane’s key is stored in a “tape index disk file 40”.

“Upon receipt of the encrypted file 20 and the encrypted key 24, the archive server 30 writes the encrypted file 32 to a magnetic tape 36, or other medium of long term storage which is inexpensive and which need not encompass real time access, via tape drive 34 at step 120. The encrypted key 38 is then written to a tape index disk file 40 at step 122 . . .”

Cane at col. 4, lines 16-21.

Cane teaches away from combining data and its associated key and storing them on a single storage medium since Cane consistently recommends storage of these two items on two different devices. Nowhere does Cane describe combining the data and key, much less the other limitation of Applicant’s dependent claims such as including a header with the data and key in the combined encrypted content.

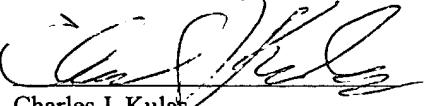
Independent claim 10 includes similar limitations of an “interface module for combining the encrypted content with the second key to form a combined encrypted content” and “a single storage media device for receiving and storing the combined encrypted content”.

Noda discusses traditional encryption and decryption of isochronous packets and does not address combining encrypted content with a key, nor storing such combined encrypted content on a single storage medium.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Alternatively, Applicant requests that an accurately translated copy of Oomori (including Figure legends) into English be provided as soon as possible and that Applicant's time for response be tolled until such time as Applicant has received the accurate translation. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-279-5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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